Equalising BHMS and BAMS courses with MBBS

†3129. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it takes four and half year alongwith one year internship to complete MBBS, BAMS and BHMS courses;

(b) if so, whether BAMS and BHMS course are considered equivalent to the MBBS; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The duration of course BAMS and BHMS is 5-1/2 years which includes internship also. The duration for MBBS is 5-1/2 years which includes one year internship.

(b) and (c) BAMS, BHMS and MBBS are primary medical qualifications required to practice different systems of medicine namely Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and modern Allopathic system of medicine respectively. These systems of medicine are governed by different principles, concepts and laws.

Performance status of NRHM

†3130. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of health programmes being run under National Rural Health Mission, State-wise;

(b) the names of the States wherein implementation of these programmes have not been found satisfactory as per the survey conducted by Ministry; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is an overarching umbrella initiative subsuming the existing important programmes of the Ministry

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of Health and Family Welfare, which include the Reproductive & Child Health Program (RCH-II), Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP), National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), National Blindness Control Programme (NBCP), Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (IDDCP), Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP), National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) and the Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP).

The Mission has been operationalized throughout the country, with special focus on 18 States, which include Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Orissa and Rajasthan, eight North-East States, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

The first year of the Mission was essentially a preparatory phase during which the Institutional Framework of the Mission has been put in place in the states. The progress of implementation of the strategies has been satisfactory in all the states and till date 34 states and UTs have constituted the State Health Missions. The Department of Health and Family Welfare have been merged in 33 states and UTs, all health and family welfare societies have been merged in 29 states, 6067 Rogi Kalyan Samitis have been registered. 1.21 lakh ASHAs have also been selected in 10 states. It is however, too early to evaluate the outcomes of implementation of schemes under NRHM.

The Government of India has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the States, with clear commitment of the States in achieving definite milestones. The status of implementation of the Mission is reviewed on a regular basis by this Ministry through interactions with the states. Senior Officers from the GOL are also deputed to visit the states to review the progress. Achievements are matched against the agreed performance indicators and timelines. The fund flow and fund utilization are regularly reviewed. Periodic surveys are carried out to find out the outcomes of the programmes. Besides independent monitoring is also made with the help of credible NGOs/institutions.

Un-authorlsed occupation of CGHS pool quarters

3131. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of continued occupation of CGHS pool quarters by CGHS doctors, even after being offered general pool accommodation by the Directorate of Estates have come to the notice of Governments.